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If Miss Perry's act arouses any significant number of persons to buy and think about the effects of saving or wasting "something for nothing," she will have contributed an exceptionally effective $100 to citizenship education.

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NOT STAY-AT-HOMES

(Winchester Star)

An all-time high of $711,000,000 was chalked up by Americans off for foreign travel. The increase over the previous year was $40,000,000 which, while small, is remarkable because it followed the Holy Year celebrations at Rome in 1950, which were in all directions as many thousands to make European trips that year. Other than Canada.

These are the carefully prepared figures of the Office of Business Economics of the Department of Commerce. Broken down they show that Americans spent $282,000,000 on transportation—more than half of it on American ships and airlines—leaving them with ample foreign exchange, from which they disbursed $457,000,000 in foreign countries.

This ought to give pause to Europeans still inclined to regard Americans as uncultured at a time when their governments—notably British, France and Italian—are bidding for dollar trade to bolster their economies. The American people are the world's most widely traveled, whether by auto, ship or plane.

Going places, besides being of cultural advantage, is habit-forming, and to a greater degree than other peoples Americans are joy-riders.

The one way to "buy" peace is to be strong—strong and determined enough to enforce peace.
—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Drive-in service stations were inaugurated in 1913. Today there are 250,000.

Mt. Palomar, of California is the size of the world's largest telescope.

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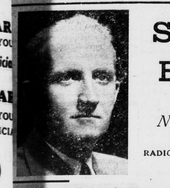

SPORTS EXTRA

BY
Norman Simpson
SPORTSCASTER OF
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The final sharp blow to the solar plexus of contemporary sports has been delivered by a man that every-will agree was one of the great-est of his day, Tyrus Raymond Cobb.

Ty now has placed himself in the front ranks of present - 'ay writers and grandfathers who will, the drop of the proverbial hat, tell you that "They don't play the game like they used to," or "The players aren't the same - - today's men are too soft."

I have a feeling that it has ever been thus. In the crowd that thronged to the Circus Maximus forty-fifties ago to wager the then current coin of the realm on their favorite cestus - equipped Roman boxer, there must have been quite a few toga-clad Old Timers who maintained that the gladiators thumping each other to cream puffs compared to the stalwarts of thirty years before.

It's a good application of Emerson's Law of Compensation. Yes, there's compensation for allowing a grown old, and less active. In rosy glow of memory, those mere feats of commonplace mates and foes take on an of greatness that far exceeds true worth.

Ty Cobb's baseball career is typical of this fact, his knack of catching fly balls on the noggin may be overlooked in time. It was his baserunning that will NEVER be forgotten. And strangely enough, it appears that Ty Cobb is apparantly most justifiably proud of his ability to race around the sacks. Ty stole everything in sight, and he probably stole more bases in a week, than Herman did in his entire checkered baseball career. But they had one thing in common.

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Perhaps the principal tragedy in Ty Cobb's stint, which is currently being published in a weekly magazine, is that it will turn more youthful ears away from the well-meaning and frequently valuable advice of their elders.

To place only two men in modern baseball on the same plane with those old-timers of Cobb's day is to invite the young fan or player of today to tell you to "drop dead" or "get lost."

It's hard enough to convince the younger generation that their Dads or uncles know what they're talking about, without having a national figure like Cobb run down the local crop of heroes. There's a good chance that Ty Cobb will be longer remembered for what he's saying, today, that what he DID thirty years ago.

Cobb's Own Record

Of course, anyone who becomes as brash in the public prints as Mr. Cobb, is bound to have a rough time fending off the barbs that are certain to come in return. I feel sure that Ty will now be credited with a series of dandy bonehead plays that happened when he was a part installments failed to own up to any real rock-heads, on his part, the gentlemen of the working press have taken that trouble from his hands.

Try and imagine if you can, the coupling of these two. On the one hand, a man self-confessed as one of baseball's greatest performers. On the other, the Hollywood version of Elmer the Great - - a guy with all the potentials - - he had two feet, two hands, two eyes, two ears, (mostly burning), but the sports writers of his era also frequently credited him with two heads.

Yes, the Babe probably never heard Mr. Cobb's lecture on hitting to the opposite field, although Ty's picture of the ball player of his day, was that of a fella who was ready at any given time to Tell you the fine points of the game. Especially rookies. And the Babe never really passed that stage.

The Babe could, and did on many a banner occasion hit the ball into Brooklyn's Bedford Ave. - - - to the delight of the two or so thousand fans who witnessed the cellar-dwelling Superbas in those days. Fact is that for a couple of years hand-cunning Floyd led the Dodgers in batting.

Nevertheless, the Babe won't be remembered for his base hits. In on the noggin, and all stealing, especially ridiculed against his own team-mates and foes take on an air of greatness that far exceeds their true worth.

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Dr. W. E. Skelton, state 4-H agent at VPI, says adult 4-H leaders, older 4-H members, people employed to teach recreation in camps and others are being invited to attend.

The meetings are scheduled for: April 7 in Marion; April 8 in Lynchburg; April 9 in Petersburg; April 10 in Richmond, and April 11 in Front Royal.

They will be conducted by Miss Catherine Allen of the University of Tennessee.

Those interested in attending should contact their county home or farm agent.

Stonewall

STONEWALL, March 25.- It seems as if March is going to be a wet month from first to the last. I hope April will brings lots of nice weather.

Most every family around here have all been sick with flu. Hope they will soon be well and out again.

Aubrey Lee Burnette has returned to his work in Charleston, W. Va., after having an operation and spending awhile with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Miss Nadine Burnette, of Richmond spent the week-end in the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard and children, of Richmond spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence spent Sunday with his mother and her parents.

Mrs. Lester Carson spent last Thursday in Lynchburg with her sister, Mrs. Davis Smith. Mrs. Smith is improving at her home from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, visited Mrs. W. H. Drinkard in a hospital in Lynchburg last Saturday. She is reciine very well at this time.

Miss Verna Harding and Bud Harding were in Lynchburg last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes visited their children at Gladstone over the week-end.

There will soon be wedding bells and more wedding bells ringing around here, so I understand. Best of luck to them all.

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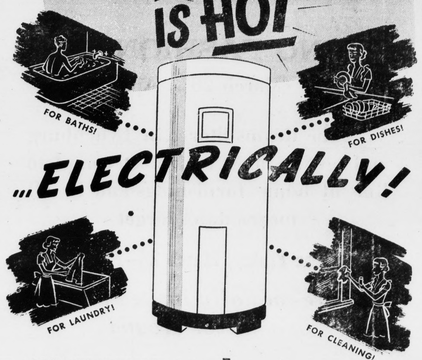

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